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CIVILIAN AND MILITARY SECTORS IN INDUSTRIAL POLICY

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1. SUMMARY: THE EC COMMISSION BELIEVES THAT EUROPEAN
COMMUNITY INDUSTRIAL POLICY SHOULD TAKE ACCOUNT OF THE
EFFECTS OF DEVELOPMENT AND PURCHASE OF MILITARY EQUIP-
MENT ON CERTAIN INDUSTRIES, ESPECIALLY THOSE IN
THE HIGH TECHNOLOGY AREA. THE COMMISSION FAVORS JOINT
ACTION BY ARMS PROCUREMENT AGENCIES TO DEVELOP NEW
TECHNOLOGIES, NEEDED FOR A WIDE RANGE OF MILITARY AND
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CIVILIAN USERS, AS A MEANS TO ACHIEVING INVESTMENT
LEVELS COMPARABLE TO THOSE ENJOYED BY U.S. AND JAPANESE
PRODUCERS. END SUMMARY

2. WE QUOTE BELOW QUESTION BY EUROPEAN PARLIAMENTARIAN
AND COMMISSION RESPONSE ON THE SUBJECT OF LINKAGE
BETWEEN CIVILIAN AND MILITARY INDUSTRIAL POLICY.

BEGIN TEXT

SUBJECT: INDUSTRIAL POLICY

NOTING THAT EIGHT MEMBER STATES ARE MEMBERS OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC ALLIANCE, THAT SEVEN MEMBER STATES AND TWO APPLICANT STATES ARE MEMBERS OF THE EUROGROUP, THAT EIGHT MEMBER STATES AND TWO APPLICANT STATES ARE MEMBERS OF THE INDEPENDENT EUROPEAN PROGRAMME GROUP, DOES THE COMMISSION TAKE ACCOUNT OF THEIR DEFENSE EQUIPMENT MANUFACTURING INTERESTS IN THE FORMULATION OF POLICY FOR EACH INDUSTRIAL SECTOR AS IT DID IN ITS PROPOSALS FOR THE COMMUNITY'S AERONAUTICAL SECTOR, DOC 319/75, WHEN THE COMMISSION WROTE 'ANY POLICY DESIGNED TO STRENGTHEN AND DEVELOP THE AIRCRAFT INDUSTRY MUST THEREFORE INCLUDE COMMON ACTION IN THE DEFENSE EQUIPMENT FIELD,' 62 PERCENT OF AIRCRAFT SALES BEING MILITARY SALES?

DOES THE COMMISSION CONSIDER THAT THE ELECTRONICS, COMPUTER, COMMUNICATIONS, SHIPBUILDING, HEAVY VEHICLE AND HYDRAULICS INDUSTRIES ARE INDUSTRIES REQUIRING COMMON ACTION IN THE DEFENSE FIELD TOO?

ANSWER TO WRITTEN QUESTION NO. 570/77 BY MR. NORMANTON

THE COMMISSION TAKES THE VIEW THAT THE DEVELOPMENT AND UNCLASSIFIED

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THE EMPLOYMENT OF CERTAIN INDUSTRIES, PARTICULARLY THOSE USING ADVANCED TECHNOLOGIES, MAY BE SIGNIFICANTLY AFFECTED BY THE DEVELOPMENT AND PURCHASE OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT. IT THEREFORE BELIEVES THAT THE COMMUNITY SHOULD TAKE ACCOUNT OF THESE FACTS IN DEFINING ITS INDUSTRIAL POLICY.

IN THIS CONTEXT, THE AIRCRAFT INDUSTRY IS AN EXTREME CASE. ALTHOUGH THE ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY (INCLUDING DATA PROCESSING AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS) IS DEPENDENT ON THE MILITARY MARKET TO A LESSER DEGREE, THE COMMISSION IS STUDYING THE IMPACT OF MILITARY REQUIREMENTS AND FINANCING AS PART OF ITS EFFORT TO DEVELOP A POLICY IN THE ELECTRONICS FIELD.

THE IMPACT OF MILITARY MARKETS ON THE OTHER SECTORS REFERRED TO TENDS TO BE LIMITED TO CERTAIN AREAS SO THAT JOINT ACTION AS REGARDS DEFENSE EQUIPMENT IN THESE SECTORS IS NOT A PRIORITY MATTER.

THE COMMISSION NEVERTHELESS TAKES THE VIEW THAT IN ALL THESE INDUSTRIES DEFENSE REQUIREMENTS ARE A SIGNIFICANT

FACTOR IN RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT, PARTICULARLY IN
THE CREATION OF NEW TECHNOLOGIES, THE APPLICATION OF
WHICH MAY BE WIDER THAN THE MANUFACTURE OF WEAPONS OR
OTHER SYSTEMS INTENDED FOR MILITARY USES.

EVEN IF THE MILITARY AUTHORITIES OF THE MEMBER STATES
WERE UNABLE TO DEFINE TODAY THEIR JOINT OPERATIONAL
REQUIREMENTS, A JOINT ACTION ON THE PART OF ARMS
PROCUREMENT AGENCIES AIMED AT DEVELOPING THE NEW
TECHNOLOGIES NEEDED FOR A WIDE RANGE OF MILITARY AND
CIVILIAN USES COULD MAKE A SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION
TOWARDS ACHIEVING IN THESE NEW TECHNOLOGIES A LEVEL
OF INVESTMENT COMPARABLE TO THAT WHICH HAS PROMOTED

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